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SUBJ: PEKING ON EGYPT-U.S. RELATIONS

SUMMARY: PEKING'S REPORT OF THE RESUMPTION OF U.S. -EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS APPEARS TO REFLECT A SUBTLE SHIFT AWAY FROM RECENT CATEGORICAL CONDEMNATIONS OF EFFORTS FOR A MID-EAST SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE FIRST POSITIVE REFERENCE TO THE RECENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE MID-EAST OR INDICATION TO CHINESE READERS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER IS THERE PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO PEKING, NCNA (NOV 8) REPORTED THE U.S.-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC TIES FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT SADAT IN CAIRO. SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE, EGYPT'S VIEWS ON NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN TOTALLY IGNORED IN PEKING MEDIA. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THE EARLIER FREQUENT CONDEMNATION OF AN "IMPOSED SETTLEMENT" IN THE MID-EAST HAS BEEN NOTABLY ABSENT FROM THE PRC PRESS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CRITICISM

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OF CURRENT U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. IN A BANQUET SPEECH FOR SIERRA

LEONE PRESIDENT STEVENS ON NOV 7 CHOU PRAISED AFRICAN COUNTRIES  
FOR SUPPORTING THE ARAB STRUGGLE BUT MADE NO COMMENT ON THE PRESENT  
SITUATION.

2. TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE DEVELOPMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE PRC IS  
MOVING BACK TO A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION ON A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT  
IN THE MID-EAST.

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